

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3977–S4062

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1535–1550, and S. Res. 198. **Pages S4021–22**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–61)

S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, with an amendment.

S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1000, to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas.

S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns

for disaster recovery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4020–21**

Measures Passed:

Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act: Senate passed S. 253, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4059–61**

150th Anniversary of the “Second Founding”: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the “Second Founding” of the United States. **Page S4061**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3986–S4017

Withdrawn:

Ayotte (for Kirk) Amendment No. 1986 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1463), to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States. (By 31 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4012–16**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3986**

McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Page S3986**

Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation,

and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security. **Page S3986**

Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units. **Page S3986**

Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil. **Page S3986**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. **Page S3986**

McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government. **Page S3986**

Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations. **Page S3986**

McCain (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Pages S3986, S3987–92**

Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture. **Page S3986**

Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. **Page S3986**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McCain (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 12, 2015. **Page S4016**

During consideration of this measure today, the following action also occurred:

Burr/McCain Amendment No. 1921 (to Amendment No. 1569), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, rendered moot due to its incorporation into the modification of McCain (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above). **Pages S3986, S3992**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 11, 2015. **Page S4061**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–19) **Page S4020**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eileen Maura Decker, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

Eric Steven Miller, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Pages S4061–62**

Messages from the House: **Page S4020**

Measures Referred: **Page S4020**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S4021**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4019–20**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4033–58**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4058–59**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4059**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—206) **Page S4016**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

June 11, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

PASSENGER RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine passenger rail safety, focusing on accident prevention and on-going efforts to implement train control technology, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Lauby, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Charles Mathias, Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and DJ Stadtler, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 319, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the

Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area, and S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Murphy; and Victor Knox, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

VERIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on verification and assessment, focusing on how to create a successful inspection regime from Joseph R. DeTrani, Intelligence and National Security Alliance, Washington, D.C., and Gary Samore, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and David S. Shapira, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, for a term expiring December 8, 2019, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SPENDING IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine spending in the Federal government, focusing on an outside perspective, after receiving testimony from Romina Boccia, The Heritage Foundation Institute for Economic Freedom and Opportunity, Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Annapolis.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information exchange, focusing on a path towards improving the quality and value of health care for patients, after receiving testimony from Thomas H. Payne, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, on behalf of the American Medical Informatics Association; Craig D. Richardville, Carolinas HealthCare System, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the Premier Healthcare Alliance Member Technology Improvement Committee; Christine Bechtel, National Partnership for Women and Families, Olney, Maryland, on behalf of the Health IT Policy Committee Consumer Work Group; and Neal L. Patterson, Cerner Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

VICTIM SERVICES IN INDIAN COUNTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine addressing the need for victim services in Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Darren Cruzan, Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Gerad Godfrey, Office of the Governor of Alaska Rural Business and Intergovernmental Affairs Senior Advisor, Anchorage; A.T.

Stafne, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Dianne Barker Harrold, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Ft. Gibson.

FEDERAL REGULATORY SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal regulatory system to improve accountability, transparency and integrity, including S. 1178, to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, after receiving testimony from William L. Kovacs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, Ellen Steen, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk, PLLC, all of Washington, D.C.; and Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, South Royalton, Vermont.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, and Travis Randall McDonough, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, who were both introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNWANTED CALLS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proliferation of unwanted calls, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joe Dandurand, Missouri Deputy Attorney General, Jefferson City; Henning Schulzrinne, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Linda Blase, Dallas, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2709–2727; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 306–308 were introduced. **Pages H4135–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4137–38**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory (H. Rept. 114–146). **Page H4135**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4007**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4015**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Claudio Kogan, Temple Emanuel, McAllen, Texas. **Page H4015**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 168 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 332. **Pages H4015, H4031–32**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Palazzo wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H4015**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H4015**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 9th:

Supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect both citizens and officers alike: H. Res. 295, supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect

both citizens and officers alike, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 6 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 331. **Pages H4030–31**

Authorizing the reprinting of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 54, authorizing the reprinting of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page H4032**

Permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 292, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H4032**

Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 2393, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, by a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 333. **Pages H4032–39, H4105**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4032**

H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2685) and (H.R. 2393), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 330, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H4020–30**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 11th. **Pages H4020–30, H4040, H4105**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that reduces funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, by \$3,200,000 and increases funding for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, by \$2,000,000; **Page H4060**

Pascrell amendment that redirects \$5,500,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Pages H4060–61**

Delaney amendment that reduces funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, by \$7,463,000 and increases funding for Fisher House Foundation, Inc. by \$5,000,000; **Pages H4061–62**

Franks (AZ) amendment that redirects \$2,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Page H4062**

Nolan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program, by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4062–63**

McKinley amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Page H4063**

Grayson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program related to Gulf War Illness, by \$10,000,000; **Page H4064**

Grayson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for prostate cancer research, by \$10,000,000; **Pages H4064–65**

Speier amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program, by \$5,000,000; **Page H4065**

Takai amendment that redirects \$25,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Page H4065**

Conyers amendment that reduces funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, by \$15,000,000 and increases funding for United Service Organizations by \$10,000,000; **Pages H4065–66**

Keating amendment that increases funding, by offset, for research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program, by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4066–67**

Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program related to PTSD, by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4067–68**

Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for breast cancer research, by \$10,000,000; **Pages H4073–75**

Pascrell amendment that increases funding, by offset, for research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program, by \$25,000,000; **Pages H4075–76**

Aguilar amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within research, development, test and evaluation activities of the Defense Health Program for suicide prevention; **Pages H4076–81**

McCullum amendment that redirects \$80,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Army; **Pages H4094–95**

Huffman amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2015) that strikes section 8053, relating to cost-effective agreements for required heating facility modernization in the

Kaiserslautern Military Community (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 335); **Pages H4081–86, H4106–07**

Forbes amendment that strikes section 8122, which prohibits the transfer of funds to the National Sea Based Deterrent Fund (by a recorded vote of 321 ayes to 111 noes, Roll No. 339); **Pages H4092–94, H4109–10**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the “Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund” (by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 341); **Pages H4097–98, H4110–11**

MacArthur amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to divest or retire, or to prepare to divest or retire, KC–10 aircraft; **Page H4113**

Walberg amendment that prohibits the use of funds to promulgate Directive 293, issued December 16, 2010, by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs; **Pages H4114–15**

McSally amendment that prohibits the use of funds to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status, or prepare to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status, any EC–130H aircraft; **Pages H4117–18**

Hunter amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 2483(b)(5) of title 10, United States Code; **Page H4119**

Yoho amendment that prohibits the use of funds under the heading “Iraq Train and Equip Fund” to procure or transfer man-portable air defense systems; **Page H4120**

Yoho amendment that prohibits the use of funds under section 9014 for “Assistance and Sustainment to the Military and National Security Forces of Ukraine to procure or transfer man-portable air defense systems; **Page H4120**

Conyers amendment that prohibits the use of funds to provide arms, training, or other assistance to the Azov Battalion; **Page H4123**

Cole amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out furloughs of Working Capital Fund civilian employees; **Page H4124**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into contracts with entities who are convicted of fraud; **Pages H4124–25**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for Government Travel Charge Card expenses by military or civilian personnel of the Department of Defense for gaming, or entertainment that includes topless or nude entertainers or participants; **Page H4125**

McClintock amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out specified sections of Executive Order 13423, Executive Order 13514, and Executive Order 13963; specified subsections of section 2911 of title 10, U.S.C.; sections 400AA or 400FF of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; section 303 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; and section 203 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005;

Pages H4126–27

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the authority of the President pursuant to Article II, section 2 of the Constitution;

Page H4129

Guinta amendment that prohibits the use of funds to propose, plan for, or execute a new or additional Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round;

Pages H4129–30

Nugent amendment that prohibits the use of funds to retire conventionally armed air launch cruise missiles (AGM–86 C/D); and

Pages H4132–33

Forbes amendment that provides that notwithstanding section 8005 and 9003, of the unobligated funds authorized to be appropriated in FY 2016 and made available in this Act, \$3,500,000,000 is available to transfer to the National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund.

Page H4133

Rejected:

Bridenstine amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, by \$25,000,000;

Page H4072

Rothfus amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to transfer or divest AH–64 Apache helicopters from the Army National Guard to the active Army prior to June 30, 2016 and to prohibit the allocation of funds for operation and maintenance and personnel connected with such aircraft (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand disposed of in accordance with the previous voice vote thereon);

Pages H4089–92, H4104–05

Lowenthal amendment that sought to redirect \$5,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 334);

Page H4106

Visclosky amendment that sought to strike section 8100, which prohibited the use of funds to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to or within the United States, its territories, or possessions Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or other detainee (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 336);

Pages H4086, H4107–08

Nadler amendment that sought to strike section 8101, which prohibited the use of funds on any modification of facilities at the United States Naval

Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 337);

Pages H4086–88, H4108

Nadler amendment that sought to strike section 8102, which prohibited the use of funds to transfer any individual detained at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the custody or control of the individual's country of origin, any other foreign country (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 338);

Pages H40889, H4108–09

Poe (TX) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$430,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 340);

Pages H4095–97,4110

Nolan amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Iraq Train and Equip fund and apply the \$715,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 375 noes, Roll No. 342);

Pages H4098–H4100, H4111–12

Clawson amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Syria Train and Equip fund and apply the \$600,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 343);

Pages H4100–04, H4112

Poe (TX) amendment that sought to strike subsection (b) of section 9015, relating to the waiver used by the Secretary of Defense with respect to the Government of Pakistan (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 344);

Pages H4104, H4112–13

Huizenga (MI) (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2015) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Defense Logistics Agency to implement the Small Business Administration interim final rule titled "Small Business Size Standards; Adoption of 2012 North American Industry Classification System" with respect to the procurement of footwear (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier voice vote in which the amendment stand adopted be vacated to the end that the amendment stand disposed of);

Pages H4115–16, H4118–19

Grayson amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to consult, as the term is used in reference to the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency, in contravention of the assurance provided under the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act; and

Pages H4126–26

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to Pakistan.

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Withdrawn:

Jackson Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Military Personnel, Navy, by \$2,000,000;

Pages H4057–59

Sablan amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites, by \$21,300,000;

Pages H4063–64

Lamborn amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, by \$10,290,000;

Pages H4068–70

Heck (NV) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$100,000,000 in funding within Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army;

Pages H4070–72

Latta amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Other Procurement, Air Force by \$35,000,000 and reduces funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, facilities and equipment by \$49,000,000; and

Page H4072

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$3,543,000 in funding within Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Page H4075

Point of Order sustained against:

Gosar amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for operation and maintenance of the Defense Health Program, by \$1,500,000; and

Page H4061

Ellmers amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to deactivate the 440th airlift wing, or to move the personnel or aircraft of the 440th airlift wing, or to otherwise degrade the capabilities of the 440th airlift wing.

Pages H4131–32

Proceedings Postponed:

Schiff amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds after March 31, 2016, for Operation Inherent Resolve in the absence of a law enacted by Congress before such date that specifically authorizes the use of military force against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant;

Pages H4113–14

Lee amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force after December 31, 2015;

Pages H4116–17

Lee amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002;

Pages H4118–19

Sablan amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to establish any live-fire range, training course, or maneuver area within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

Pages H4119–20

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of the Navy to divest or transfer, or prepare to divest or transfer, any search and rescue units from the Marine Corps;

Pages H4120–21

Johnson (GA) amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to transfer a flash-bang grenade;

Pages H4121–22

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to procure any Army Aircrew Combat Uniforms;

Pages H4122–23

Johnson (GA) amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to transfer a mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle;

Pages H4123–24

Ellison amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” and such disposition is listed as “willful” or “repeated”;

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Smith (MO) amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to provide for defense counsel for any individual described in section 8101(c); and

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Massie amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for Section 702 programs of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2685) and (H.R. 2393), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 330, after the previous question was ordered.

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Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015—Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 1295, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House 1) concur in the Senate amendment to the title and 2) concur in the Senate amendment to the text with the amendment printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule 18 and numbered 1; that the Senate amendments and the motion be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives Larson (CT), David Scott (GA), Frankel (FL), and Connolly. **Page H4133**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114-42). **Pages H4039-40**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4032.

Senate Referrals: S. 653 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 611 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H4133**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4030, H4030-31, H4031, H4105, H4106, H4106-07, H4107-08, H4108, H4108-09, H4109-10, H4110, H4110-11, H4111-12, H4112, H4112-13. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:48 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE MEANS TO CLIMBING THE ECONOMIC LADDER

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The Means to Climbing the Economic Ladder". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

REVIEWING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL WAGE AND HOUR STANDARDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Rules and Regulations Implementing Federal Wage and Hour Standards". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 805, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015". H.R. 805 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

IRAN'S ENDURING BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled "Iran's Enduring Ballistic Missile Threat". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES: A VITAL RESOURCE IN THE NATION'S HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Defense Support of Civil Authorities: A Vital Resource in the Nation's Homeland Security Missions". Testimony was heard from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Robert G. Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Department of Defense; Brigadier General Joseph E. Whitlock, Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere, Joint Staff, J-5, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, Department of Defense; Joseph W. Kirschbaum, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Major General Michael T. McGuire, Adjutant General, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, State of Arizona; Peter Gaynor, Director, Emergency Management Office, State of Rhode Island; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; H.R. 2212, to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2387, to amend the Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 387, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; H.R. 1289, the “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”; H.R. 1992, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; H.R. 2295, the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”; H.R. 2358, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; and H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”.

THE IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658 ON PUBLIC LAND GUIDES AND OUTFITTERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Executive Order 13658 on Public Land Guides and Outfitters”. Testimony was heard from Representative Stewart; Michael Lazzeri, Assistant Administrator for Government Contracts, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REFORM ACT’S ROLE IN REDUCING IT ACQUISITION RISK

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act’s Role in Reducing IT Acquisition Risk”. Testimony was heard from David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Tony Scott, U.S. Chief Information Officer, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Anne Rung, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; and a public witness.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2015; SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT OF 2015; SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate Amendments to H.R. 644, the “Trade Facili-

tation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015”; Senate Amendments to H.R. 1295, the “Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015”; and Senate Amendment to H.R. 1314, the “Trade Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the question on adoption of the motion shall be divided as follows: (1) concurring in section 212 of the Senate amendment (relating to Medicare); (2) concurring in the matter comprising the remainder of title II of the Senate amendment (TAA); and (3) concurring in the matter preceding title II of the Senate amendment (TPA). The first portion of the divided question shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that if any remaining portion of the divided question fails, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 644. The rule makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House: (1) concur in the Senate amendment to the title; and (2) concur in the Senate amendment to the text with the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the motion is not subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that if the motion is adopted, the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee is then authorized to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 644 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin and Representatives Levin, Doggett, Polis, Mulvaney, Kaptur, King of Iowa, Kildee, Clawson of Florida, Pocan, Dingell, McDermott, Edwards, and Grayson.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2499, the “Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2015”; H.R. 208, the “Superstorm Sandy Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 1023, the “Small Business Investment Company Capital Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2670, the “Microloan Modernization Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2499 and H.R. 208. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1023 and H.R. 2670.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY AFTER ENACTMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2014

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “One Year Anniversary after Enactment: Implementation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

PRESCRIPTION MISMANAGEMENT AND THE RISK OF VETERAN SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Prescription Mismanagement and the Risk of Veteran Suicide”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Interim Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Randall Williamson, Director, Health Care Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

OBAMACARE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY16 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on Obamacare implementation and the Department of Health and Human Services FY16 Budget request. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings**FOREIGN FIGHTERS**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the escalating threat of ISIL in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Daniel Rosenblum, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs; and Frank J. Cillufo, The George Wash-

ington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security, and Jennifer Leonard, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016”, an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, and an original bill entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, and Thomas A. Burke, and Jane Toshiko Nishida, both of Maryland, all to be to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine accounts of current and former federal agency whistleblowers, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “Implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: Conservation Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense Views on the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission’s Recommendations for Military Health Care Reform”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 1786, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to Preserve Consumer Choice and Financial Independence”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Retreat or Revival: A Status Report on Democracy in Asia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Assessing the Compliance Report and Required Action”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9, the “Innovation Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 387, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; H.R. 1289, the “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”; H.R. 1992, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; H.R. 2295, the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”; H.R. 2358, the “Electricity Reliability and

Forest Protection Act”; and H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015” (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, hearing entitled “Examining Fraud, Waste, and Abuse at the Export-Import Bank”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Transforming America’s Air Travel”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Squeezed: Current Challenges for Small Citrus Operations”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Exploring VBA’s Fiduciary Program”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, June 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2685—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule). Motion to Concur in the Senate amendments with an amendment to H.R. 1295—Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015.

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